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Reminders

- Attend AGM 2002 in beautiful Southern California. (See *Clan Grant AGM Being Planned*, page 1.)
- Nominate someone for a Grant Clan office. (See *Elections to be Held*, page 1.)
- Visit the Grant "home" page: www.parsonage.net/ClanGrant



The Clans at the Games.

CLAN GRANT ATTENDS SAN DIEGO HIGHLAND GAMES

Rand Allan

On June 23 and 24, Clan Grant participated at the San Diego Highland Games. The weather was unusually cool for that time of the year, which made for a very pleasant time for all. We had over 15 families visit the Grant tent. At least one family put in for membership and three more have indicated that they want to join.

I was struck by the camaraderie that was evident between the clans at the games. Grant Commissioner Richard Grant was unable to make the games due to illness, and I was touched by the concern from scores of friends from the other clans as to his well-being.

On the lighter side, this camaraderie was even extended to Clan Campbell – a no-show at the Games. When all of the surrounding clans saw the big space where the Campbell Clan tent was supposed to be, we all decided that it was important for the Campbells to have some form of representation. Someone put out a stepstool with a can of Campbell's Soup on it. Next, a blue "tent" (Wipe-Ups towel), a homemade Clan Campbell banner, some little flags, and a blow-up sheep and sword took their places against the stool. Next, information about an upcoming gathering was inserted into the picture, and a guest register was placed in front of the "tent." Pictures were taken and formal write-ups and photos were sent to the editor of the Clan Campbell National Newsletter for inclusion in their next newsletter.

And I myself got a knockout recipe for Scottish Shortbread. (See page 3 for recipe.)

We look forward to seeing more Grants in San Diego County next year.

CLAN GRANT AGM BEING PLANNED

Rand Allan

The Clan Grant AGM is being tentatively scheduled for May 2-5 at the Loch Prado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games in Southern California. In order to circulate the timeliest information, I have put together a website that will keep us up-to-date on developments: <http://clangrant-ca.org/AGM/>. Because preparations for next year's AGM have just begun, there is not yet much information on the site, but this will change as plans continue to expand. The officers are now developing the agenda, and Richard Grant and I will provide supporting activities for the remainder of the AGM. If you have any ideas for this AGM, contact Commissioner Rand Allan at rballan@clangrant-ca.org.

We would also like to encourage you to plan an extended vacation to Southern California by combining

the Clan Grant AGM with a visit to the many fine tourist attractions we have such as Disneyland, California Adventure, Sea World, the Queen Mary, Knotts Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Six Flags, Legoland, the San Diego Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, the beach (Yes, you can swim—for short periods—and sunbathe in May.), the mountains (There's still skiing.), Palm Springs (The desert flowers will be in full bloom.), and more.

Over the next 10 months, we'd like you to seriously consider attending this AGM. We'll try to send updates on a regular basis and you can check the above-noted website for the newest developments.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

John C. Grant

Clan Grant Society, USA, will elect all officers and at-large board members in the spring of 2002. To be elected are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members At-Large. A nominating committee is at work and will propose one nominee for each office. In addition, any five Active Members may submit a nomination. Society members are encouraged to take an active part in the officer selection process by running for office, nominating others, and voting. All nominations must show the consent of the nominee and all nominees must be Active Members in good standing. Such nominations must be transmitted to the Secretary (Dr. Phil Smith, 442 Freedom Blvd., West Brandywine, PA 19320-1559). Please submit nominations by January 01, 2002.

For additional information, contact John C. Grant at jctegrant@cs.com or (770) 466-1814.

LAST CALL

Howard Parsons

We are taking orders for copies of the group photograph taken at Duthil Kirk during the Millennium Gathering last year. This photograph appeared in the October 2000 issue of Caledonia magazine and the publishers have kindly offered to produce prints for us. We have been withholding our order as the price decreases with the number of copies, but there is a limit as to how long we can wait.

We will submit our order in early September, and therefore, September 15 is the deadline for requesting a copy. The price is \$25.00 per copy including postage. Reserve your copy of this historic photograph by mailing your check to:

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From the Leadership

ON THE HOT SEAT

Howard Parsons, President

It's good to be finally back on track again. We've had a bit of difficulty with the newsletter over the past year but I hope that this issue is evidence that Leigh will turn out to be a very good editor for us. There will most likely be a few rough patches but at least we are moving forward.

One disappointment has been the attendance at our last Annual General Meeting. Fair enough that we did not have the editorial and production transition complete in time to promote the meeting properly, but judging by the number of members who attended the Glasgow, KY, games yet failed to show for the meeting Saturday evening, not too many consider the business of the Society worth their time. Over the past years, the officers and board members have tried to give the membership a greater voice in how the Society is run and its future direction. It is your Society after all.

I hope that in the years to come, the Clan Grant AGM will become an event significant enough that we can hold it apart from any particular Scottish Games. I would like to see a weekend of activities, of which the meeting itself will only be a small part, drawing members from all over the country. A lofty goal perhaps and one not realized by every Clan society—but we can dream, can't we?

We have a new genealogist. Margery Woodruff has taken over the office from Beryl Grant who did such a fine job of collecting Grant information through the years. Margery has been busily recording this information in a genealogical database and, like all people faced with such a monumental task, could use a bit of help. It is a common assumption that the Society has some big book that lists every Grant from year one. Would that this was true. Instead, the position of Clan Genealogist is something of a cross between detective and recording secretary, and there are other family lines besides the Grant surname that desperately need attention. If you have the time to spare or information to share, please contact Margery Woodruff at roadrunner@pcia.net.

Now that the newsletter has

resumed publication, more attention can be paid towards other methods of communication and attracting new members—the lifeblood of any organization. One such method has been operational for several months now and has proven its worth. I am speaking of the Clan Grant mailing list hosted by Topica.com. Joining the mailing list is easy: simply contact me at my email address, htp@pasonage.net, and ask to be added to the mailing list. As a rule, we do not add members without their consent. There are a few rules for using the list, naturally, but once you have been added, you will be able to share information with other Society members via email without having to remember everyone's address.

Speaking of electronic communication, the US Society website is long overdue for a new look. Ricardo Dodge, one of our members in New England, has offered his services and we are embarking upon an effort to give our "home page" a new look and feel. Hopefully, we will be able

to keep it more up-to-date than it has been in the past. With some hard work and a bit of luck, I'll be able to report on the re-launch in the next edition of this column.

It has been long anticipated that the 2002 AGM would take place on the West Coast. I am happy to report that this will indeed come to pass. The regional co-commissioners for Southern California, Rand Allen and Richard Grant, have presented a proposal for holding next year's AGM in conjunction with the Loch Prado Highland Games in Chino Hills, Riverside County, on the first weekend of May 2002. Loch Prado is a Highland Game hosted by the Clans of the Highlands (COH), a confederation of highland clans in Southern California. COH dedicates itself to foster clan sentiment and spirit; to cultivate and develop "clanship" and friendly relations among its members; and to maintain, encourage, and foster the Highland Scots' cultural heritage through the education of members, its young

A CALL FOR HELP

Allan Grant, Vice President

Let me introduce myself. For those of you who don't know me, I am Allan Grant, Vice President of Clan Grant USA. I imagine your first thought is: "OK, so what?" So... I'm looking for help. Your help. We have a number of states that do not have commissioners representing the Clan Grant Society. We are looking for anybody that is willing to take on the job of commissioner for one state or even more than one state. Also, if any of the current commissioners would like to add a little more to their current area of responsibility, we would be happy to hear from you.

So let me dispel some of the myths about being a commissioner. A lot of people think that being a commissioner is a big job. Not so. They also think that they must set up and man a tent at all the games in their area as part of their responsibility. Again, not so. Many commissioners act chiefly as coordinators: they write letters to keep local clan members abreast of activities their area, they inform them of upcoming games, and they organize volunteers to man tents at these events.

Of course it requires some time and a little effort, but that will depend both on the commissioner and on the state; some areas have very little activity. In some cases, there is so little activity that being responsible for even more than one state is not a big burden. In addition, any individual who is willing to be a commissioner will have the support of Society President Howard Parsons and myself. We are always available if additional help is needed.

Now, having said that, let me tell you which states are in need of commissioners. They are: West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, northern Arkansas, three-quarters of Missouri, southern Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. If you would like further information about the responsibilities of being a commissioner in your area, or if you know someone who might be interested in the assignment, please contact me: 651 C. Street, Pasadena, MD 21122; (410) 437-1399; afg29@home.com.

Thank you for your time.

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Family News

Have you taken on a project or responsibility related to Clan Grant? Do you have any news in your immediate family that you would like to share with your clan? The *Craigellachie* would like to hear from you. Please send your information to: thecraigellachie@hotmail.com, or call Leigh Haines at 703-753-1964. Pictures are welcome.

people, and the public in general. Clan Grant is a member of this organization. Richard Grant is active within this group, and the COH is the driving force of much of the local clan philosophy.

There are, of course, details to be worked out but at this moment, I can say that we are a tentative "go" for Loch Prado. It has been a long-time goal of the Society board to move away from being primarily centered in the Southeast. While 2002 will not be the only AGM to be held on the West Coast, I hope that as many members as possible will make the most of this event and use it to energize Clan Grant activity in that region.

Finally, as some of you may know, my term of office, along with those of the other elected officials, ends in 2002. After due consideration, I have decided not to stand for another term. It is not that that I don't want to serve another four years; I have enjoyed my time as your President. The sad fact is that I have to earn a living. Since last fall, I have been engaged in a project at work that requires a considerable amount of travel. Being on the road so much has constrained my abilities to act in the Society's best interests. Indeed, the crisis over the newsletter would not have been as protracted if I had been at home during that time. Unfortunately, I will be assigned to this project for at least two more years and will need a break from things once it is all over.

The long-term success of the Society is important to me and I feel that it is best if I stand down at this juncture and someone with more free time takes over the helm. There are many other members with skills and ideas surpassing my own and I trust that at least one of you will step forward. A nominating committee has been organized in order to prepare a slate of candidates. If you have an interest in serving the Clan Grant Society in an elected capacity, by all means step forward. John C. Grant (jctegrant@cs.com) of Stone Mountain, GA, and Jean Grant Wilson (clngrant@mediaone.net) of Jacksonville, FL, are leading this effort and would be happy to hear of your interest.

THANK YOU BERYL GRANT

Beryl Grant has been our Clan Grant genealogist for about twenty years. In that time she has received your letters and requests and has assisted you in your quest for answers about your ancestor. She has searched libraries and countless records for you, and I am amazed at all she has done for the Clan. Recently I have volunteered to carry on her endeavors and while going through her records, I can see and read of her devotion to helping you find your answers. Beryl has done a remarkable job of organizing the records. This has taken untold hours of work. From reading the correspondence between the clans people and herself I can see the personal touch she has given each of you. Thank you Beryl.

NEW COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED

Helen Furr has volunteered to be Clan Grant's Commissioner for North Carolina. Much thanks, Helen. She can be reached at: Helen Furr, 3125 Zion Church Road, Concord, NC 28025-7031; phone: 704 782-5613; e-mail: helen0997@aol.com.

CONTINUED BEST WISHES FOR DICK AND ALICE

On June 8, Alice Allen, the wife of Southern California Grant Commissioner Richard (Dick) Allen, had extensive oral surgery. That same evening, Dick collapsed and had to be rushed to the hospital. It has been a very difficult time for the family, and they are grateful for the many calls and expressions of concern from other Clan members. We continue to wish them both a thorough and speedy recovery.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

It is with much regret that the *Craigellachie* informs you that on December 28, 2001, Judge William F. Grant of Elberton, GA, passed away. Our prayers are with him and his family.



Allen and Leigh Haines

RAND ALLEN'S SHORTBREAD COOKIES RECIPE

With thanks to Clan MacNab

Ingredients

- 1 lb butter, softened
- 2 C flour
- 2 C powdered sugar
- 1 T salt

Combine above ingredients. Stir well. Don't knead by hand, but use a thick, wooden spoon. Add 1 T vanilla. Stir in. Add 2 C flour. Spread out evenly on baking sheet and add marks or decorations to the surface. Bake at 225 degrees for 90 minutes or until it begins to brown. Cool and cut into squares for serving.

Optional

Chocolate Chip Shortbread: Add a bag of chocolate chips after the last stir and mix well.

Lemon Shortbread: To the initial ingredients for Shortbread Cookies, add 1/3 C lemon juice and 1/2 to 1 C additional flour as needed to the first stir to make the consistency of the dough less watery.

HAINES WEDDING, GRANT-STYLE

On December 2nd, 2000, Clan Grant member Major Allen Haines, McElwrath Sept, and Leigh Dyer were married at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, VA. It was a formal military wedding, complete representatives from the 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) saber arch team and a carriage. The reception was held immediately following the ceremony at Spates Hall Community Club, Fort Myer.

Allen proudly wore the Grant tartan with his field grade dress uniform, and the St. Andrew's Cross and the Lion Rampant flags were prominently displayed. The reception included piping the couple in to the reception hall, the couple toasted champagne with Edinburgh crystal glasses, and played many traditional and modern Celtic songs.

Allen is the assistant product manager for the Army's Combat Service Support Control System at Fort Belvoir, VA. His wife Leigh and now fellow clansman is a public affairs officer for the Department of Agriculture.

Major and Mrs. Allen Haines honeymooned in Key West, FL, and have since moved into their new home outside of Manassas, VA.

Post-wedding, Major Haines volunteered his bride to be editor of the *Craigellachie*.

From the Members

Your thoughts and perspectives on Grant-related issues.

ON BEING A CLAN MEMBER

Rand Allan

The Clan system is not just a social structure that once existed in our distant past, but is actually a living and dynamic social unit that is still active today.

There is a primary difference between the clan societies and the historical reenactment societies. While the historical reenactment societies are trying to accurately portray a way of life that disappeared centuries ago, they are only "playing soldier"... or clansman, or farmer. They act as the people did in that long-ago era in order to pass along the cultural experience to others, but when they are finished imitating the life of past eras, they return to their modern lifestyle. By contrast, the clan societies are still functioning and constantly adapting to the changing circumstances of life. Its members are, in essence, living, rather than playing, their roles as clansmen and women, applying the clan concept and its culture to their everyday lives.

The word "clan" is derived from the Gaelic word "clannach," translated as "children" in its ancient usage. Its modern translation is "family" or "people of the family." Members of the clan were literally children or descendants of the first clan chiefs and were all related in some way to each other; hence the modern term, family, is definitely an appropriate definition of the word clan.

In historic times, the Clan System was a tribal form of local government. Clans first formed in a turbulent and frequently violent era as a way of protecting a group of people from other marauding tribes. A person who was a direct descendant of the founders of the clan was chosen as the clan chief. This chief would assume the responsibility to administer the holdings of his people and care for all of the members of his clan. The concept of family held the clan together in a close-knit group and gave them a strong sense of identity and belonging. In return for taking care of his clan, the Chief would expect the head of each household and his firstborn son to help protect the clan's people and territories when needed. Every so often a family outside of the clan would come to the Chief and ask for land and his protection. If the Chief accepted them, they would swear loyalty to the clan and its Chief, and would become "adopted" as full members of the clan. This is the origin of many of the septs in Clan Grant and other clans.

In the mid 1700s, Scotland was finally conquered by England. In order to prevent any further uprisings to their rule, the English attempted to dismantle the Scottish culture and Clan system. People were evicted from their ancestral lands and in

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ON BEING A GRANT

Jean Grant Wilson

Clan Grant is a society of Scottish heritage and open to all Grants and their descendants. It encourages cultural activities including the perpetuation of Scottish dress, traditions and customs, as well as, participation in Scottish Festivals, Games and Gatherings. It promotes charitable and educational activities, and the history, arts and literature of Scotland. It can also assist you with your genealogical research.

What fun, fellowship and friendships can come from belonging to Clan Grant! Getting together with others of like heritage through membership you might even discover some family connections.

Membership dues are as follows; 1yr...\$20.00, 2 yrs...\$40.00, 3 yrs...\$55.00 and a Lifetime membership is \$400.00. Upon reaching their 80th birthday, members are then entitled to free membership and become a Life member. A membership includes the 'Grant', their spouse and any children under 18 years of age. Each membership has 1 vote. The membership years is divided into 4 quarters, January, April, July and October. At the beginning of each quarter you will receive a renewal notice. Each new member will receive a welcome packet containing pertinent info about the Clan.

With each membership renewal, you will receive a letter that I hope you will keep in a safe place. It will contain your member number, date your dues were posted on the database and any other info deemed pertinent at the time. This letter could be crucial if any discrepancies should occur. When contacting the Clan it would be most helpful if you would include your member number. Your member number along with your dues date can also be found on the Craigellachie mailing label.

The new laminated membership cards are in the process of being mailed out. Each membership will receive 1 membership card. The renewals and new members take precedence and after that I am working through the entire member list.

Don't forget that a Clan membership makes a great gift for family and friends. Be it a birthday, anniversary, or Christmas. I will include in my welcome letter, who the gift is from and why.

Some of you have asked to have family members renewals sent to you. At present I do not have the capabilities to do that. I would suggest that you let me know when you send the check and I will make their renewal come due when yours does. That way, when yours is due, theirs will be also!

The Clan is pleased to be able to offer two magazines to members at a reduced cost, *The Highlander* (\$10.50) and *Scottish Life* (11.95); both are superb publications. In order for the Clan to continue this policy,

HERITAGE HUNTER: GENEALOGICAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

Marge Woodruff

Are you hunting an ancestor or have you hit a brick wall? Do you have a desire to know your families past? If so, you have a new resource. I have recently taken over all Clan Grant genealogy records and am in the process of computerizing pedigree charts for easier access.

Let me introduce myself as the Keeper of the Records for Clan Grant. That simply means that I will hold all information that you send to me. Or if you need to fill in some gaps on your pedigree chart, just ask me to check the files; I will search those records I have and will advise you on additional resources.

I bring my personal "heritage hunting" to this position. I have spent twenty-five years hunting my own ancestors and have hit many brick walls. One of those walls came down last year when I discovered I was Scottish. Thanks to the Internet and a New Jersey Historical Society, I received volumes of data on my 7th great grandfather, Thomas Grant, a POW from the Battle Worcester. The more I read, the more I was intrigued with my family's Scottish beginnings. It caused me to read more of 17th century Scotland and their turmoil and wars. I could have taken years off my research if I had known about the genealogy records held by Clan Grant.

The ancestral data from the files that I have received are being placed in a computer program that will more effectively search for your requests to fill in the blanks in your history.

Remember: the records are only as good as the information you send to me. If you have new data or have never sent your ancestral information, please consider helping your fellow clansmen.

When you write or e-mail a request, please include as much information as you already have, such as the name of person, date and location of birth and/or death, name of spouse, names of siblings and children, etc. Please feel free to contact me at any time. A self-address stamped envelope will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Hunting,

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Clan Grant has gone through many changes in the past few years and will continue to do so in an effort to grow and prosper.

Children's Clan Grant

Information for Grant children of all ages.

WHAT IS A CLAN?

Rand Allan

Imagine in your mind, you and your Mom and Dad, all standing together. Now imagine any brothers and sisters you might have, standing next to you. This is your family and you're all related to each other. This family unit is called the **immediate family**.

Now add your grandparents. They are the parents of your parents. Your Grandparents might have other sons and daughters besides your Mom and Dad. These are your aunts and uncles and they are all related to you. This is the start of your **extended family**. It's called an extended family because it's part of your family that extends, or reaches out, beyond your parents, brothers and sisters. Your aunts and uncles may also have children. These are your cousins, and they are all related to you, too.

Your extended family is starting to get pretty big now, isn't it?

Now in your mind, add your grandparents' brothers and sisters. These are your great-aunts and great-uncles, and they have sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters who are your cousins also.

By this time, I imagine that the list of people in your mind might be so large it would fill up a whole page if you wrote all of their names down. You might not have ever met many of them, yet they are still part of your extended family. Now, if you add your grandparents' parents and their sons and daughters and their sons and daughters... Well, you get the picture.

With each generation back in time that you add, the list gets bigger and bigger, yet they are still all related to you. They are still part of your family.

Your "ancestors" — what they call members of your family from many, many years ago that are no longer living — came from the Highlands of Scotland and belonged to an extended family unit called Clan Grant. The word **clan** actually means family. Many hundreds and hundreds of years ago, one or more related families, just like your own parents and aunts and uncles, once settled in a large valley. The sons of those families grew up and had their own families in the same valley. Then their sons grew up and had families in the same valley. They were all related to each other and stayed together, helping each other in times of need. Over time, there were hundreds of people living in the same valley and nearby valleys, all related in some way to each other. There were other families in other valleys farther away. Sometimes they would trade with the families in the other valleys or even fight with them. This made it necessary to have a leader in each settlement of families who would protect the interests of his family, or clan. This leader was called the Clan Chief, and when he could no longer act as the Chief, his oldest son would take on the duty.

As the years went on, and more and more people became part of Clan Grant, some of the people left the lands of Clan Grant and went to live somewhere else, maybe even in the United States, just like you. Even though they no longer live in the same valleys that Clan Grant claims as their homelands, they are still part of the clan, and they are now a huge family of people all around the world that are all related to each other in some way. You are part of that clan, too.

Next issue: What is a Sept?

Scotland: Current Affairs

The following articles are from www.rampantscotland.com. They are intended to give you a flavor of current events and news directly from "hame." We will keep you posted on the "Castle Grant Remains a Family Home" story.

CASTLE GRANT REMAINS A FAMILY HOME

Plans to convert Castle Grant, near Grantown-on-Spey in Moray, into an exclusive hideaway like Skibo Castle, have fallen through. The 600-year-old castle was the main stronghold of the Clan Grant. The castle was massively enlarged in 1750, after the Jacobite Uprising in 1745 (in which the Grants supported the government side). It became derelict and was bought by a firm of developers in the 1980s but little has been done with it. It has 365 rooms but an offer from a Highland businessman to buy the castle to develop as a hotel has been rejected in favour of another bidder who intends to keep the castle as a family home.

A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP!

Dorbeck estate in Nethybridge (in the heart of Grant country and the site of the annual gathering in the UK) is looking for Grouse Beaters for a month from the 25th of August. Full board and 25 pounds a day for 4-5 days beating.

A FINE (POLITICAL) ROMANCE

They've only been going out with one another for four weeks but there was a media scramble this week at the Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh on Wednesday as the happy couple announced their romantic liaison. But this was no ordinary couple. He was John Swinney, leader of the Scottish National Party and she was Elizabeth Quigley, a BBC TV political correspondent. The hastily convened press conference had arisen because a Sunday Newspaper was going to "out" the fact that they had been seen together. But during the photo call, the happy couple used all their political skills and refused to say how they had met, whether they were engaged, or whether marriage was on the horizon. Mr Swinney (divorced, with two children) did agree to put his arm round Miss Quigley (single) but declined to even give her a peck on the cheek. It emerged later that in order to avoid any conflicts of interest, Miss Quigley had asked the BBC to move her back to general reporting rather than continue as a political correspondent. How refreshingly honest.

Lowest Mortgage Rates for 45 Years

The Bank of England surprised the financial markets this week by lowering base lending rates to 5%. While rates have been as low as this as recently as two years ago, competition has reduced margins on mortgages so that customers are now able to borrow at the lowest rates for 45 years.

COMPUTER GIANT AXES 600

The Scottish electronics industry was dealt another blow this week when the Japanese company NEC announced that it was to shed 600 jobs at its Livingston plant. The Scottish operation is to stop production of chips for PCs and concentrate instead on semiconductors for mobile phones. Three months ago Motorola in Livingston announced that it was to close its factory there, with the loss of 3,100 jobs. NEC has been in Livingston since 1982. In 1994, the company said that productivity levels there were better than in their factories in the Far East. But the downturn in the electronics industry has resulted in the company having to shed 4,000 jobs worldwide.

FIRST CLAN CHIEF FOR 250 YEARS

A special court (known traditionally as a "Derbhfine") was held at Tulloch Castle in Dingwall this week to hear submissions on who should be appointed as the chief of the Clan MacAuley. The last chief died in 1767 and, despite recent lengthy searches, no direct descendant has been found. The clan elders and the landowners associated with the clan supported the case of Iain MacAuley, who lives in Drumbeg in Sutherland. He was appointed Commander of the Clan at its first modern assembly in Perth, three years ago. But there was an objection from one member who wanted to search for longer to see if a direct descendant could be found. But supporters of Iain MacAuley argue that if, in the future, someone came forward with a direct claim, the clan would then accept him as chief. The court, headed by the Ross Herald of Arms, representing the Lord Lyon King of Arms, considered the submissions and pronounced in favour of Iain MacAuley. Mr MacAuley is 80 years old and was a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese. He later became an RAF squadron leader in the medical branch. He has spent the last 30 years trying to revitalise the clan.

SPORTS

Mid-week Results

Manchester United 3 Celtic 4 (Testimonial for Ryan Giggs)

Rangers 3 Maribor 1 (Champions League pre-qualifier)

Scottish Premier League Results - 4 August

Dundee 2 Hibernian 1

Hearts 1 Aberdeen 0

Kilmarnock 0 Celtic 1

Motherwell 0 Dundee United 0

Rangers 0 Livingston 0

St Johnstone 0 Dunfermline 2

Scottish League Division One Results - 4 August

Airdrie 2 Raith Rovers 2

Clyde 1 Inverness 1

Falkirk 1 Ayr 2

Partick 3 St Mirren 3

Ross County 0 Arbroath 2

PIPING AND DRUMMING SCHOLARSHIPS

We would like your assistance in helping us to identify future members of the St. Andrews College Pipe Band.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College is a four-year liberal arts college located in Laurinburg, NC. The college's pipe band has quickly gained a reputation as one of the best pipe bands in the eastern United States. The band currently competes successfully in grade III.

We are seeking high school juniors and senior who may be interested in pursuing their interest in piping and drumming during their academic career at an institution where their contributions would be valued and rewarded. We hope you will help identify deserving and worthy applicants for this program.

Liberal scholarship assistance is available based on previous academic performance as well as proficiency in piping and/or drumming.

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many cases were murdered outright, children were no longer taught the history, language, and culture of their people, and many traditional symbols of the clans and of Scottish heritage were banished. Thousands of Scots abandoned their homeland altogether and emigrated to America, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. By the mid 1800s, much of the knowledge of Scottish culture was lost, remaining only in obscure history books or holding out in some of the more remote outposts of Scotland. Yet throughout it all, the clans managed to endure, although in a much diminished form.

In the late 1800s, interest in all things Scottish was revived by the aristocracy of the English Court, and a romanticized and rather inaccurate view of Scottish culture was created. Lately there has been a second revival of interest in Scottish culture, this time primarily by people of Scottish ancestry in Canada, Australia, and the United States hungry for something to define themselves as a unique ethnic group. This has led to an intense research of the Scottish history and culture, and a general rediscovering of the things that were once considered important to our distant ancestors or even lost to our general knowledge about ourselves as a people.

In order to assure the continued existence of the Clans and offer something to hold the loyalty of the clan members, the Clan System, as it existed up to the late 18th century, needs to undergo a transformation to make it relevant to people of the 21st century. The days of Clan warfare are gone, so the need of the Chief to protect his clan from outside aggression is likewise gone. Clan members are now dispersed throughout the world instead of being concentrated on a small parcel of clan territory in Scotland, so the sense of togetherness and belonging is likewise weak. A Clan Chief now holds a largely ceremonial post instead of being the governor and undisputed leader of his people.

So now that the Clan no longer exists in its original form, what is left to build on?

< When all things are said and done, the Clan is still Family, or Kin. We are still all related in some way, as were the early clansmen and women of Clan Grant. The concept of family is therefore the bond that brings us together and holds us together.

< The Clan Chief is still the recognized head of the clan. He and the people that represent the leadership of the clan in Scotland and abroad have a moral duty to be "Keepers of the Culture", educating the rest of the clan members on what it means to be Scottish and a member of the clan. The clan is therefore the cultural center for people of Scottish ancestry.

< The Highland Gatherings, picnics, reunions, and general activities serve to fill a void of belonging in this sometimes nameless and faceless society we have today and bring the people closer together as Family. The Clan is also a social unit.

< The early Clan System protected its people from outside aggression and took care of them in times of need. While the clans are no longer fighting amongst themselves, there are still opportunities to look out and care for each other in times of need, much as our primary families do today. The Clan can function as a support and mutual aid system. I encourage the members and officers of this clan to look for those opportunities.

So, what can the Clan offer today? Cultural education and cohesion, social belonging, and assistance in times of need come to mind. These were the basis for the ancient Clan System, and although the technology, needs, and general culture of the world have changed drastically since the glory days of the clans, the underlying principles of the Clan System still remain and are still valid today. It is these principles that the modern clan can build upon to serve the needs of its people now and in the centuries to come.

Scotland in History

THIS DAY IN AUGUST

For more information, visit www.scotishculture.about.com.

- August 1 1545
Birth of Andrew Melville, "true father of Presbyterianism in Scotland."
- August 1 1747
Proscription Act introduced, banning tartan and the carrying of weapons.
- August 2 1922
Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, died in Nova Scotia.
- August 3 1573
Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange executed, after defending Edinburgh Castle on behalf of Mary Queen of Scots from May 1568 to May 1573.
- August 3 1460
King James II killed by an exploding cannon at the siege of Roxburgh Castle.
- August 4 1870
Birth of the entertainer Sir Harry Lauder.
- August 5 1305
William Wallace betrayed and captured by the English.
- August 5 1388
James, Earl Douglas, died out of sight of his army, in a bush, at Battle of Otterburn in which Scots defeat Henry Percy, (Hotspur) but with the loss of the Earl of Douglas.
- August 6 1881
Birth of Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin.
- August 8 1503
King James IV married Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.
- August 10 1460
King James III crowned at Kelso Abbey, 1460.
- August 11 1306
Battle of Dalry, Robert I, attacked and defeated John MacDougall of Lorne, kinsman of John Comyn.
- August 11 1332
Battle of Dupplin near Perth in which Edward Balliol defeated the Regent, Earl of Mar.
- August 11 1560
Latin Mass prohibited in Scotland by Parliament as Protestant faith gained the ascendancy.
- August 11 1892
Author and poet C M Grieve (Hugh MacDiarmid) born at Langholm, Dumfriesshire.
- August 13 1826
Explorer Alexander Gordon Laing became the first Christian to reach Timbuctu, Africa.
- August 13 1888
Birth of John Logie Baird, developer of television.
- August 14 1040
King Duncan I killed in battle at Pitgavney by Macbeth.
- August 14 1337
King Robert III born at Scone.
- August 14 1390
King Robert III crowned at the Augustinian abbey of Scone.
- August 14 1827
Foundation laid of George IV Bridge, Edinburgh. It was not completed until 1836 due to lack of funds.
- August 15 1057
Macbeth killed in battle by Malcolm at Lumphanan.
- August 15 1771
Novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott born.
- August 15 1856
Birth at Holytown of John Keir Hardie, coal miner and founder of the Labour Party.
- August 17/19 1648
Battle of Preston in which Duke of Hamilton at the head of an army of 20,000 crossed into England in support of Charles I. Scots defeated by Cromwell, 2,000 killed, 8,000 captured and Hamilton surrendered on 25 August (and beheaded in March 1649).
- August 17 1822
Visit of George IV to Edinburgh began, orchestrated by Sir Walter Scott.
- August 19 1561
Mary Queen of Scots lands at Leith on her return from France, after the death of her husband, King Francis II
- August 19 1745
Charles Edward Stuart, raises his standard at Glenfinnan, at the start of the '45 uprising.
- August 19 1932
Jim Mollinson landed after the first East/West solo flight of the Atlantic.
- August 21 1689
Battle of Dunkeld when the newly formed Cameronians defended the town against 3,000 Highlanders.
- August 21 1937
Birth of Donald Dewar, present Secretary of State for Scotland.
- August 22 1138
Battle of the Standard at Northallerton in which King David I was defeated by the English.
- August 23 1305
William Wallace executed
- August 24 1482
Berwick on Tweed finally ceded to England (Edward IV) after changing hands 12 times.
- August 25 1776
Philosopher David Hume died.
- August 25 1819
James Watt, developer of steam power, died.
- August 25 1930
Actor Sean Connery born.
- August 25 1931
Ramsay MacDonald formed a National Government.
- August 26 1875
Novelist John Buchan born.
- August 27 1784
First balloon ascent in Britain by James Tytler, Edinburgh.
- August 27 1825
African explorer William Blake born.
- August 28 1296
Edward I of England held a parliament at Berwick to which he summoned all Scottish landholders to sign the "Ragman Roll."

Grant Miscellaneous

STAND FAST CRAIGELLACHIE

Clan Song as provided by Rand Allan

1. For centuries our fathers slept
within their Chieftain's way ;
Where ospreys plunged and salmon
leapt
In the tempestuous Spey.
Their dear-loved homes the viewed
with pride
Their peaceful joys to count ;
They rallied to their Chieftain's side
Where blazed the "fiery mount."

CHORUS:

So proudly let our glorious chant
Still echo through Strathspey.
"A Grant ! A Grant ! A Grant ! A
Grant !"
Stand fast Craigellachie !

2. Now Grants are found o'er a' the
earth,
And seas may surge between
The land that gave their fathers birth
And many a foreign scene.
Yet still "Three crowns within a
shield"
Their symbol dear remains;
And auld Strathspey shall be their
bield,
While blood runs in their veins.

3. Though now Clan Grant is
scattered wide
It's writ shall ever run;
One sentiment that can not hide
Unites all souls as one.
Nor time, nor space, nor lands apart,
The wish can e'er supplant-
The dearest wish of ev'ry heart,
To greet the Laird o' Grant.

Fiery mount: Craigellachie
-Literally "rock of alarm"
-Figuratively "summoning beacon" (to clan rallying point)
Bield:
-Literally "shelter"
-Figuratively "spiritual home"

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